

Vinton L. Durflinger

Vinton L. Durflinger was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 72

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 8, 1996

Date of death: Mar 8, 1996

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department
PO Box 89
Alexandria, NE 68303
Chief: Mathew Buchli

John Goessling

John Goessling was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 43

Rank: Captain

Classification: Career

Incident date: Apr 23, 1996

Date of death: Apr 23, 1996

Cause of death: Caught or Trapped

Nature of death: Asphyxiation

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Store/Office

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Omaha Fire Department
1516 Jackson Street
Omaha, NE 68102
Chief: Tom Graeve

Charles James Vodak

Charles James Vodak was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 45

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 16, 1999 19:20

Date of death: Mar 16, 1999

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Dunning Fire Department
PO Box 66
Dunning, NE 68833-0066
Chief: Jim Reiter

Ronald V. Carlson

Ronald V. Carlson was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 55

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Apr 7, 1994

Date of death: Apr 7, 1994

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Blue Creek Rural Fire Protection Dist/Lewellen VFD
P.O. Box 21
Lewellen, NE 69147
Chief: Steve McCormick

John Love

Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age: 77

Rank: Unknown

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Feb 3, 2000 04:30

Date of death: Feb 3, 2000

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Waterloo Fire Department
4th and North Front Street
Waterloo, NE 68069
Chief: Troy Peterson

Bernes 'Bernie' J. Schutte

Bernes 'Bernie' J. Schutte was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 69

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Mar 20, 2002 15:00

Date of death: Mar 20, 2002

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Palisade Volunteer Fire Department
101 South Main P.O. Box 263
Palisade, NE 69040
Chief: Richard Miner

Ronald L Holmes

Ronald L Holmes was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 43

Rank: Firefighter/EMT

Classification: Career

Incident date: Aug 6, 2003 16:00

Date of death: Aug 6, 2003

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: EMS/Patient Care

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: To be announced

Department information

North Platte Fire Department
715 South Jeffers
North Platte, NE 69101
Chief: Paul Pedersen

Robert E. Heminger

Robert E. Heminger was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 39

Rank: Captain

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Feb 14, 2004 07:15

Date of death: Feb 15, 2004

Cause of death: Collapse

Nature of death: Crushed

Activity type: Search and Rescue

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information: Wood River Fire Fighters Family Relief Fund. Contact the Heritage Bank @ 110 E. 9th St. Wood River, NE 68883, (308) 583-2262.

Department information

Wood River Fire & Rescue
1002 Main St. P.O. Box 96
Wood River, NE 68883
Chief: Roger Derr

Kenneth A. Woitalewicz

Kenneth A. Woitalewicz was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 38

Rank: Captain

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Feb 14, 2004 07:00

Date of death: Feb 17, 2004

Cause of death: Collapse

Nature of death: Crushed

Activity type: Search and Rescue

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information: Wood River Fire Fighters Family Relief Fund. Contact the Heritage Bank @ 110 E. 9th St. Wood River, NE 68883, (308) 583-2262.

Department information

Wood River Fire & Rescue
1002 Main St. P.O. Box 96
Wood River, NE 68883
Chief: Roger Derr

Gene Keith Copple

Gene Keith Copple was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age: 38

Rank: Assistant Fire Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Nov 18, 1990

Date of death: Nov 18, 1990

Cause of death: Exposure

Nature of death: Electrocution

Activity type:

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Homer Volunteer Fire Department

Homer, NE

Francis M Nichols

Francis M Nichols was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age: 42

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jan 23, 1993

Date of death: Jan 23, 1993

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type:

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Imperial Volunteer Fire Department

Imperial, NE

Michael Alfred Aunkst

Michael Alfred Aunkst was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 45

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Feb 27, 2005 00:24

Date of death: Feb 27, 2005

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Industry

Memorial fund information: Memorials may be directed to the family or to the memorial fund that has been established at all York County banks. Metz Mortuary of York is handling arrangements and condolences may be emailed to the family at metz@metzmortuary.com.

Department information

Benedict Volunteer Fire Department
101 Elmer Avenue
Benedict, NE 68316
Chief: Brian Quick

Leo Howard Soderquist

Leo Howard Soderquist was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 64

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Dec 1, 2006 02:57

Date of death: Dec 1, 2006

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: After

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information: C/o Axtell Fire and Rescue, 419 Main Ave., PO Box 96, Axtell, NE 68924-0096

Department information

Axtell Fire and Rescue
419 Main Ave. PO Box 96
Axtell, NE 68924-0096
Chief: Kym Rush

Jeremy W Wach

Jeremy W Wach was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 31

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Nov 5, 2007 00:50

Date of death: Nov 5, 2007

Cause of death: Collapse

Nature of death: Asphyxiation

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information: MEMORIALS Memorials can be made at any US Bank location- Jeremy Wach Memorial Fund
Or mail to: US BANK 200 North 6th St Beatrice NE 68310

Department information

Wymore Fire and Rescue Department
110 East H Street
Wymore, NE 68466
Chief: Gordon Michaelis

Darrell D Parker

Darrell D Parker was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 56

Rank: Chaplain/Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Aug 10, 2014 08:00

Date of death: Aug 13, 2014

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Fairbury Rural Fire Department
3020 Industrial AVE U.S. National Grid: 14T PK 5552 4767
Fairbury, NE 68352
Chief: Kenny Krause

Andrew “Andy” N Zalme

Andrew “Andy” N Zalme was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA’s annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 42

Rank: Captain

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Apr 16, 2015 19:30

Date of death: Apr 16, 2015

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Unknown

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Dakota City Fire Department
1516 Myrtle Street POB 46 U.S. National Grid: 14T QM 1242 9923
Dakota City, NE 68731
Chief: Clint Rasmussen

Eric C Speck

Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age: 38

Rank: Captain

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jun 23, 2016 18:30

Date of death: Jun 27, 2016

Cause of death:

Nature of death:

Activity type: EMS/Patient Care

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Dakota City Fire Department
1516 Myrtle Street U.S. National Grid: 14T QM 1242 9923
Dakota City, NE 68731
Chief: Clint Rasmussen

Lowell Satterwhite

Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age: 68

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Sep 10, 2016 11:30

Date of death: Sep 11, 2016

Cause of death:

Nature of death:

Activity type: EMS/Patient Care

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: After

Fixed property use: Residential

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Dakota City Fire Department
1516 Myrtle Street
Dakota City, NE 68731
Chief: Clint Rasmussen

